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For real?

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Aha - ok - we do not/cannot release our version of that number because we use CBI to calculate it for our models.

And using industry numbers is a well-established practice. PMI (Plumbing Manufacturers International) definitely qualifies as a representative industry group.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Beth

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Mary,

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**DATE:** December 9, 2019

**OUTLET:** CBS Money Watch

**REPORTER:** Rachel Layne

**TOPIC:** Toilet Flushes

**DEADLINE:** 2 pm TODAY 12 -9

**OPA CONTACT:** Angela Hackel



**PROGRAM CONTACT: Mary Schollhamer**

**OW PROGRAM OFFICE: OWM**

**PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

I'm a reporter writing a story for CBS MoneyWatch on how much each flush typically costs the consumer given President Trump's remarks on Friday.

I see this WaterSense pamphlet from 2017 outlining products and water use, but wondering if there's anything more recent and with estimated costs.

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**ANSWERS:**

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**Source Information:**

**Highlight any source information you have recently used or has been approved before at the program level.**

**INFORMATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE: (LIST SOURCE WITH EACH ANSWER)**

*Web-link or source material.*

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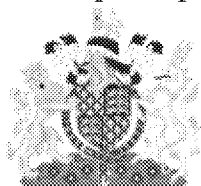
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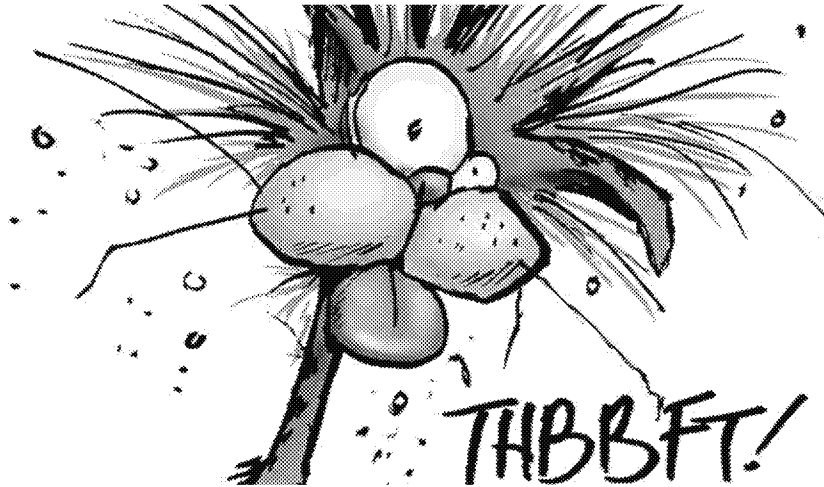
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Thanks for the information, we shall see if we can get a survey off the ground here.

And in my most business like answer to your KBIS absence:



But you know the guests will not nearly be as engaging. Actually this show I go it alone so I'll be

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Ms. Rella,

Of course it takes \$\$ to do a real survey. Name recognition should not be the intent of the survey, rather, "do the products work as you expect" should be the main intent.

Not asking VB anything is OK with me.

Probably not. Our Masco Legal group would have to give their blessing. Until there's a formal request from EPA or PMI, Delta would not voluntarily share this info ( which, I am not sure if we actually have this info)

I didn't stutter on my e-mail below. I have "guests" coming in from Masco Canada and Brasstech, January 21~24. I will have fabulous dinners and great wine in the evening. All without getting on a plane, smiling at strangers, and my feet hurting in the evening.

You had a chance to be Lucy but you took Mr. Brown for granted. Now, Lucy will have to find a stand-in who won't be nearly as "charming". Good luck.

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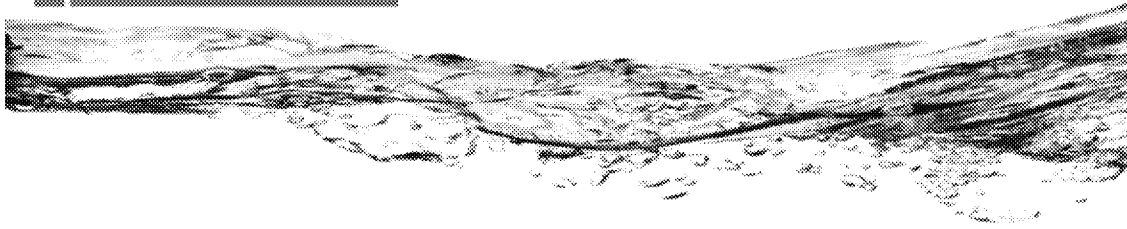
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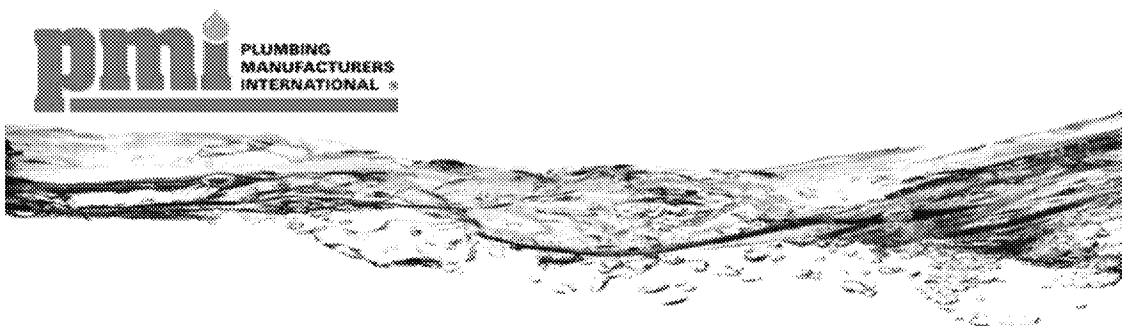
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Michael -

Nothing like a challenge!

We don't like faucets that only put one drop of water on my hands – LOL -the only ones I think of that *might* actually just drip are for Barbie doll play houses!

Anyways, think Delta might be able to help WaterSense out?

WaterSense has been contemplating doing a consumer satisfaction and product performance (along with brand awareness) survey for some time now but never actually did due to the ease (not) of doing these types of surveys. By chance, has Delta done any consumer satisfaction and/or product performance surveys for any or all of your WaterSense products? If yes, would you be willing to share? BTW, if the data would happen to contain CBI we can follow the current WaterSense CBI procedures or maybe we could send yours and others (if they exist) to PMI to aggregate the results for WaterSense. Let me know.

I will definitely be at KBIS now- though I am having trouble finding decent flights- I might have to leave Tuesday from DC and from Vegas on Thursday.

Happy Thursday- Beth

PS Still working on the awards form – pushed back a bit due to the 45<sup>th</sup>.

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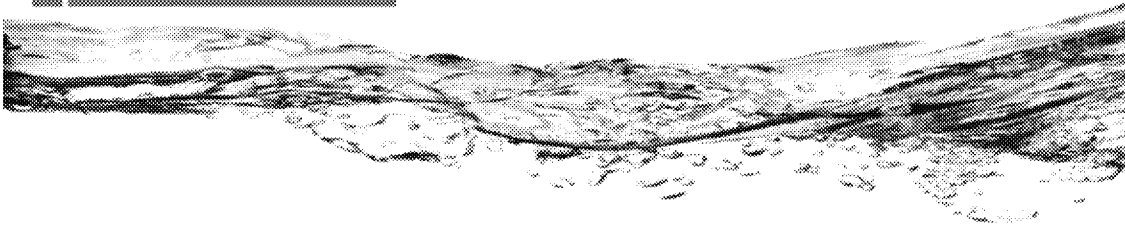
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Sounds like you're gonna have your work cut out for you convincing No. 45 on your program.

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## President Trump Comments on Review of Water Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

During a small business meeting on reducing red tape at the White House on Friday, December 6, President Donald Trump said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was undertaking a review of water-efficiency standards governing bathroom plumbing products.

Trump noted that "[W]e have a situation where we're looking very strongly at sinks and showers and other elements of bathrooms...People are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times, as opposed to once," Trump said. "You turn the faucet on in areas where there's tremendous amounts of water ... and you don't get any water," he said. EPA spokesman Michael Abboud said the agency is working with other federal government departments, so consumers have more choices in water products.

Over the years, there has been opposition from some organizations to the government's mandating flow rates for toilets and other [plumbing fixtures](#) per the 1992 law setting minimum federal standards, as well as opposition to the EPA WaterSense program, which oversees the water-efficiency labeling program for plumbing products that are 20% more efficient than the federal standards. For the past three years, the President's budget to Congress has called for the elimination of EPA's WaterSense program.

PMI and other allied groups worked with Congress to preserve WaterSense and to formally authorize the program in late 2018, when the President signed that language into law. This law, America's Water Infrastructure Act, requires the EPA to review any WaterSense specifications issued prior to 2012 and issue a report on the need for any updates by December 31, 2019. The WaterSense staff have spent the past year developing that report, including hosting several conference calls and accepting public comments. PMI and its members have been active in that process and provided detailed comments. The report has not yet been released.

**PMI Outreach:** Over the past few days, PMI has been in contact with several key agency officials within the EPA Office of Water, as well as the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE). During our conversations, we have gathered additional background information, emphasized our willingness to meet face-to-face for further dialogue with these top officials, and to serve as a resource. We learned that several weeks ago the White House reached out to both EPA and DOE about the President's concern as a builder that certain state and local codes/standards have required his company to purchase water-saving plumbing products that he believes do not provide a satisfactory experience.

During our conversations, PMI highlighted some of the following key points:

- The continual **investment in R&D and innovation** over the past 25 years by plumbing manufacturers, which have improved performance-based, water-efficient plumbing products;
- Plumbing manufacturers produce a **wide array of water-saving plumbing products** (from the federal minimum standard to WaterSense products) that allow consumers to choose the products that best meet their needs and values;
- Plumbing manufacturers participate in WaterSense because it is a **performance-based** program with **third-party certification**; and,
- Plumbing manufacturers have developed more than 30,000 models of WaterSense-labeled products for bathrooms (toilets, showerheads, faucets, and urinals).

**What's Next at EPA?** EPA is in the midst of internal discussions about what steps they plan to take to address the President's concerns with "low flow" products. It our understanding that they are considering issuing some type of formal notice to obtain public comments on the WaterSense program and perhaps flow rates in general. The parameters of that notice have not been determined but may include questions about how WaterSense specifications are developed, as well as seeking input on consumer satisfaction surrounding water-efficient plumbing products. PMI will be actively involved in this stakeholder process.

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## WHITE HOUSE

### Trump complains about low-flow toilets

Kelsey Brugger and Lesley Clark, E&E News reporters Published: Friday, December 6, 2019

President Trump today complained that Americans have to flush the toilet multiple times and directed EPA to look at "opening up" water standards.

"People are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times, as opposed to once," he said at the White House at an event on his deregulatory agenda. "They end up using more water."

His comments, which went viral on Twitter, veered from bashing energy efficiency rules of toilets, lightbulbs, showerheads and cars.



The government for decades has required that a variety of household products follow energy-saving standards, an issue that had long enjoyed bipartisan support.

Trump has in recent months expressed disdain for lightbulbs at a time when his administration repealed Obama-era rules. The toilet-flushing complaints seemed to be new.

"We're looking very strongly at sinks and showers and other elements of bathrooms. Where you turn the faucet on, in areas where there's tremendous amounts of water, where water rushes out to sea because you could never handle it, you don't get any water — you turn on that faucet, you don't get any water," he said.

"They take a shower, the water is dripping out, very quietly dripping out," the president said.

Trump insisted that at his suggestion EPA was looking "very strongly" at "opening up the standard."

By the White House's numbers, Trump has cut regulatory costs by more than \$50 billion from nearly 400 actions at two dozen agencies. That translates to 7 ½ rollbacks for every new regulation.

The Trump philosophy has been to cut two regulations for every new one implemented. The administration has axed guidance documents — which are weaker than regulations — at high rates, and officials said they have greatly exceeded their two-out-one-in goals.

The president today also vowed to "remove costly burdens to make cars safer and more affordable."

He continued that the administration is at odds with California, saying the state, in order "to save a tiny amount of fuel, of which we have plenty," has enacted tougher emissions standards on cars.

"We can make cars much less expensive, much better and much stronger and about the same from an environmental standpoint, very close," he said.

"Our cars are much safer, they're much cheaper, they're much better, the reason they are safer is because they can be heavy. Because right now the cars are made out of papier-mache. We allow steel content."

Trump said the car companies that are siding with the California standards are the ones "that want to be politically correct."

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### **Carper slams senior House Dems, Republicans for PFAS flop**

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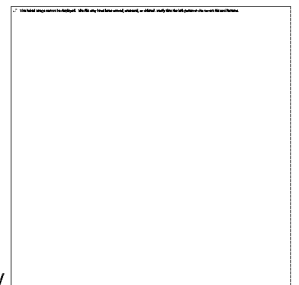
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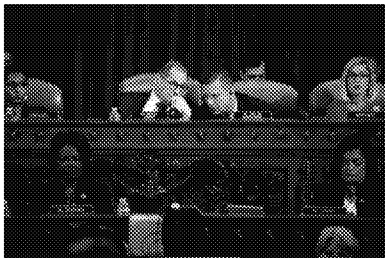
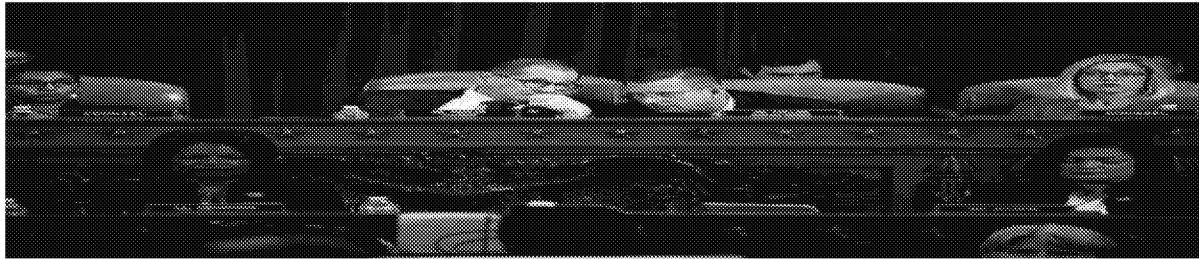


Good morning.

We're covering the latest news in **the impeachment inquiry**, questions after a **deadly volcanic eruption** in New Zealand, and new transparency efforts by **Pete Buttigieg**.



By Chris Stanford



Representatives Jerrold Nadler, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, left, and Doug Collins, the panel's top Republican, on Monday. Pool photo by Anna Moneymaker

## House is set to outline articles of impeachment

Top Democrats have scheduled a news conference today at 9 a.m. Eastern to lay out their plans to charge President Trump with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

They're focusing on two charges, senior officials and lawmakers told The Times: that Mr. Trump violated his oath of office by putting his political concerns over the national interest, and that he stonewalled attempts to investigate.

The move comes a day after a testy hearing of the House Judiciary Committee, during which a Democratic lawyer said Mr. Trump's dealings with Ukraine represented "a clear and present danger" and Republican lawyers denounced the impeachment process as misguided. Watch highlights here.

**Catch up:** We explain the impeachment process and how the Constitution defines impeachable offenses.

**News analysis:** “There are days in Washington lately when it feels like the truth itself is on trial,” our chief White House correspondent writes. “Monday was one of those days.”

**What’s next:** The Judiciary Committee is likely to vote on articles of impeachment by the end of this week, recommending their adoption by the full House. That would set up a vote before Christmas to impeach Mr. Trump, and a Senate trial early next year over whether to remove him from office.

## **Report finds F.B.I. mistakes but no anti-Trump plot**

The agency had sufficient reason to investigate links between Russia and Trump campaign aides, but major errors were made during the inquiry, according to a long-awaited Justice Department report released on Monday.

The report, by the department’s independent inspector general, Michael Horowitz, criticized the handling of a wiretap against a former Trump campaign adviser, but also rebuffed President Trump’s claims that the investigation was politically motivated. Read the report here.

**Related:** Attorney General William Barr disagreed with the report’s finding, saying the investigation was based on “the thinnest of suspicions.” John Durham, a prosecutor whom Mr. Barr had appointed to run a separate criminal investigation into the origins of the Russia inquiry, agreed with him.

**News analysis:** Mr. Trump’s allies had long looked to the inspector general’s report to reveal a “deep state” plot against him. When it didn’t, they moved on to something else, our Washington correspondent writes.



American soldiers in Afghanistan in 2011. Tyler Hicks/The New York Times

## U.S. officials misled the public on the Afghan war

Top American officials hid pessimistic assessments of how the 18-year military campaign in Afghanistan was going, according to documents published by The Washington Post.

The Post said the documents had come from 2,000 pages of Pentagon interviews conducted from 2014 to 2018 in order to write a series of unclassified “Lessons Learned” reports. They were released after a long legal battle with the government’s watchdog for the war. ([Read The Post’s report here.](#))

**Quotable:** “We didn’t have the foggiest notion of what we were undertaking,” said one retired general who helped oversee the war.

**Response:** A Pentagon spokesman said “there has been no intent” by the Defense Department “to mislead Congress or the public.” He said that “most of the individuals interviewed spoke with the benefit of hindsight.”

**Closer look:** The Times found that there was little to show for the \$2 trillion spent on the war, during which more than 38,000 Afghan civilians and 2,400 American soldiers have died.







The White Island volcano during its eruption on Monday. Michael Schade, via Associated Press

## **A tourist attraction that became deadly**

Why visitors were allowed to tour the mouth of an active volcano in New Zealand is a question that's at the center of a criminal investigation, after at least six people were killed when it erupted on Monday. Eight others were missing and presumed dead, and dozens more were injured.

For weeks, geologists had warned of increasing gas and steam at the White Island volcano, which is promoted as New Zealand's most active. Most of the victims had traveled from a Royal Caribbean cruise ship.

**Quotable:** "A rolling, rumbling mass of ash tumbled over the cliff face, in all directions, and it completely engulfed the island," said a man who toured the volcano shortly before it erupted. "It cut out the sun, it went dark. You couldn't see that there was an island there."

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If you have some time, this is worth it

## The best actors of 2019



Jack Davison for The New York Times

As the year draws to a close, our critics A.O. Scott and Wesley Morris discussed the performances that they found captivating, challenging, shocking and inspiring.

Among them: Jennifer Lopez, above, who played an exuberant, amoral stripper in “Hustlers.” It’s part of The Times Magazine’s annual Great Performers issue, with photographs by Jack Davison.

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## The limit does not exist

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## Here's what else is happening

**New NAFTA deal is near:** Democrats and the White House are close to agreement on the final terms of the revised North American free trade deal. An announcement could come today.

**Pete Buttigieg's clients:** The Democratic presidential candidate, who is facing pressure over transparency, will release his client list from his time at McKinsey & Company after the management consulting firm said it would allow him to do so.

**Myanmar genocide case:** Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the former democracy activist who serves as the country's de facto civilian leader, will defend the military starting today at a hearing in The Hague. She has said that accusations that Myanmar perpetrated mass atrocities against its minority Rohingya Muslim population stem from a "huge iceberg of misinformation."



**Snapshot:** Above, the Labrouste reading room at the Sainte-Geneviève Library in Paris. It's one of [25 spaces that influence how rooms are designed](#), experts told T, The Times's style magazine.

**In memoriam:** [Paul Volcker](#), a former Federal Reserve chairman, led an aggressive effort to tame inflation in the 1970s and '80s and helped shape American economic policy for more than six decades. He died on Sunday at 92.

**Golden Globe nominations:** [Netflix](#) received the most, including six for "Marriage Story." Apple's new centerpiece, "The Morning Show," and its stars, Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon, also picked up nominations. [Here's the full list](#).

**Vanna White takes a spin:** The longtime letter-turner on "Wheel of Fortune" [began a three-week stint as host](#) while Pat Sajak recuperates from surgery.

**Late-night comedy:** After President Trump complained about the state of America's toilets, [the hosts had plenty to say](#).

**What we're reading:** [Vulture's list of the year's top 10 comedy specials](#). "Check it!" writes our comedy columnist, Jason Zinoman.

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Now, a break from the news



Bobby Doherty for The New York Times. Food stylist: Maggie Ruggiero. Prop stylist: Margaret MacMillan Jones.

**Cook:** This cheesy, fiery chicken dish is inspired by Emily Kim, the Korean web star known as Maangchi. (Our Five Weeknight Dishes newsletter has more recommendations.)

**Watch:** Jamar Roberts, the first resident choreographer at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York, wants to bring the world into his work.

**Listen:** A remastered concert film and a new documentary are repositioning the Australian band INXS for the digital age.

**Smarter Living:** Are you keeping up with health news? Take our quiz.

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And now for the Back Story on ...

## War papers

When The Washington Post published a U.S. military document trove on Monday, many people drew parallels to the Pentagon Papers, which, when made public in 1971 by The New York Times and The Post, helped turn the tide of public opinion against the Vietnam War.

There are obvious similarities. Most notably, both were leaks demonstrating that the U.S. government had knowingly misrepresented a painful, costly war to the American public.

But there are differences.

The Pentagon Papers were a secret account of the Vietnam War commissioned by President John F. Kennedy's defense secretary, Robert McNamara. They were leaked by Daniel Ellsberg, a military analyst who had worked on the study. And they revealed aspects of the war, including the widening of U.S. activity to include the bombings of Cambodia and Laos, that had gone largely unreported by major news outlets.



Daniel Ellsberg in 1971 at a news conference during his trial for violating the Espionage Act of 1917. The charges were dismissed. Associated Press

In contrast, the Afghanistan documents were, according to The Post, drawn from military interviews used to write a series of reports that were publicly released. The Post obtained the documents under the Freedom of Information Act — though it had to sue twice to get them.

Keen readers of war coverage may find few surprises in the uncertainty of battlefield commanders about strategy, goals and whom, exactly, the U.S. has been fighting.

The effect on public opinion remains to be seen.

That's it for this briefing. See you next time.

— Chris

## Thank you

Mark Josephson and Eleanor Stanford provided the break from the news. Andrea Kannapell, the briefings editor, wrote today's Back Story. You can reach the team at [briefing@nytimes.com](mailto:briefing@nytimes.com).

## P.S.

- We're listening to "The Daily." Today's episode is about China's crackdown on Uighur Muslims.
- Here's today's [Mini Crossword](#), and a clue: Lines on a music score (five letters). [You can find all our puzzles here.](#)
- Jose Del Real, a domestic correspondent for The Times, and Elaina Plott, who is coming to our politics team, were named to [Forbes's list of 30 Under 30 in Media](#).

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Okay, I talked to David. What do you think about this?

1. How much does a typical flush cost as a part of a typical overall water bill?  
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2. What can consumers do to change it?  
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3. In the U.S., what percentage of toilets are the more efficient versus older, less efficient kind?  
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Aha - ok - we do not/cannot release our version of that number because we use CBI to calculate it for our models.

And using industry numbers is a well-established practice. PMI (Plumbing Manufacturers International) definitely qualifies as a representative industry group.

Let me know if you need anything else.  
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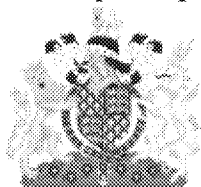
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## **Trump complains about low-flow toilets**

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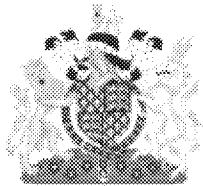
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**Subject:** FW: MEDIA INQUIRY - CBS Money Watch re: Toilet Flushes DL: TODAY 12-9 2 pm

JS?

I think we could say from the report – since it is information we use but don't have first hand.

Beth

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**From:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2019 3:09 PM  
**To:** Livingston, Beth <Livingston.Beth@epa.gov>; Blette, Veronica <Blette.Veronica@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA INQUIRY - CBS Money Watch re: Toilet Flushes DL: TODAY 12-9 2 pm

Thanks! Question: for the second answer,

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**Mary – See below.**

**Beth**

**QUESTIONS:**

1. How much does a typical flush cost as a part of a typical overall water bill? What can consumers do to change it?

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**Subject:** FW: MEDIA INQUIRY - CBS Money Watch re: Toilet Flushes DL: TODAY 12-9 2 pm

Hi Veronica,

Please see below. Note, they want a response by 2pm.

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**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <[Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov](mailto:Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** MEDIA INQUIRY - CBS Money Watch re: Toilet Flushes DL: TODAY 12-9 2 pm

Mary,

Sorry for the rush ...



## Office of Water Media Inquiry

**John W. Fuld, Ph.D.**

U.S. Media Relations Mgr.-IO-Office of Water

[fuld.john@epa.gov](mailto:fuld.john@epa.gov)

**DATE: December 9, 2019**

**OUTLET: CBS Money Watch**

**REPORTER: Rachel Layne**

**TOPIC: Toilet Flushes**

**DEADLINE: 2 pm TODAY 12 -9**

**OPA CONTACT: Angela Hackel**

**PROGRAM CONTACT: Mary Schollhamer**

**OW PROGRAM OFFICE: OWM**

**PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

I'm a reporter writing a story for CBS MoneyWatch on how much each flush typically costs the consumer given President Trump's remarks on Friday.

I see this [WaterSense pamphlet](#) from 2017 outlining products and water use, but wondering if there's anything more recent and with estimated costs.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. How much does a typical flush cost as a part of a typical overall water bill? What can consumers do to change it?
2. In the U.S., what percentage of toilets are the more efficient versus older, less efficient kind?

**ANSWERS:**

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**Source Information:**

**Highlight any source information you have recently used or has been approved before at the program level.**

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*Web-link or source material.*

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**John W. Fuld, Ph.D.**

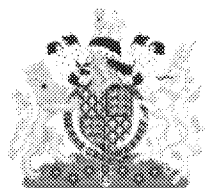
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**Sent:** 12/13/2019 4:51:10 PM  
**To:** Blette, Veronica [Blette.Veronica@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiry from CBS Moneywatch

Thank goodness for people who know how to research.

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**From:** Blette, Veronica <Blette.Veronica@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>; Livingston, Beth <Livingston.Beth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiry from CBS Moneywatch

They did fine on their own.

<https://www.news9.com/story/41444196/what-does-it-cost-to-flush-a-toilet>

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Veronica Blette  
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**Cc:** "Bertrand, Charlotte" <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>, "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiry from CBS Moneywatch

Oh good! I'm glad that OW was involved. Thanks Lee!

David Risley  
EPA Office of Water  
Acting Deputy Communications Director  
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**From:** Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2019 12:27 PM  
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**Cc:** Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Press inquiry from CBS Moneywatch

I was part of the original development of this response.

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On Dec 10, 2019, at 12:12 PM, Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov> wrote:

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"EPA is working with all federal partners including Department of Energy to review the implementation of the Federal Energy Management Plan and how it's relevant programs interact with it to ensure American consumers have more choice when purchasing water products." - Michael Abboud, EPA spokesman

Also, for further information please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense>.

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**From:** Risley, David  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2019 7:54 PM  
**To:** Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Press inquiry from CBS Moneywatch

The deadline was today but I don't see a story yet

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On Dec 9, 2019, at 7:41 PM, Forsgren, Lee <[Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov](mailto:Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov)> wrote:

I am not sure **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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On Dec 9, 2019, at 7:29 PM, Risley, David  
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Lee and Charlotte,  
We got the following press inquiry regarding toilets  
from CBS Moneywatch. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Thank you.

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On Dec 9, 2019, at 8:36 AM, Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

I know you already saw this article – but sharing so you know they're passing it around.

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**Cc:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>  
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## WHITE HOUSE

### Trump complains about low-flow toilets

Kelsey Brugger and Lesley Clark, E&E News reporters Published: Friday, December 6, 2019

President Trump today complained that Americans have to flush the toilet multiple times and directed EPA to look at "opening up" water standards.

"People are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times, as opposed to once," he said at the White House at an event on his deregulatory agenda. "They end up using more water."

His comments, which went viral on Twitter, veered from bashing energy efficiency rules of toilets, lightbulbs, showerheads and cars.

The government for decades has required that a variety of household products follow energy-saving standards, an issue that had long enjoyed bipartisan support.

Trump has in recent months expressed disdain for lightbulbs at a time when his administration repealed Obama-era rules. The toilet-flushing complaints seemed to be new.

"We're looking very strongly at sinks and showers and other elements of bathrooms. Where you turn the faucet on, in areas where there's tremendous amounts of water, where water rushes out to sea because you could never handle it, you don't get any water — you turn on that faucet, you don't get any water," he said.

"They take a shower, the water is dripping out, very quietly dripping out," the president said.

Trump insisted that at his suggestion EPA was looking "very strongly" at "opening up the standard."

By the White House's numbers, Trump has cut regulatory costs by more than \$50 billion from nearly 400 actions at two dozen agencies. That translates to 7 ½ rollbacks for every new regulation.

The Trump philosophy has been to cut two regulations for every new one implemented. The administration has axed guidance documents — which are weaker than regulations — at high rates, and officials said they have greatly exceeded their two-out-one-in goals.

The president today also vowed to "remove costly burdens to make cars safer and more affordable."

He continued that the administration is at odds with California, saying the state, in order "to save a tiny amount of fuel, of which we have plenty," has enacted tougher emissions standards on cars.

"We can make cars much less expensive, much better and much stronger and about the same from an environmental standpoint, very close," he said.

"Our cars are much safer, they're much cheaper, they're much better, the reason they are safer is because they can be heavy. Because right now the cars are made out of papier-mache. We allow steel content."

Trump said the car companies that are siding with the California standards are the ones "that want to be politically correct."

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**To:** Michael Martinez [Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com]  
**Subject:** RE: PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

PC

I've been inquiring and planning for about 5 years to get a survey and never made it past the ask.

It will help with my travel plans, I'll probably just do Tues – Thurs and stay only 2 nights instead of 3 or 4.

Paul was always there and I figured you might need to be more for PMI reasons. I am sure they need you more in IN.

I would not have pulled the football this time and don't forget I did see you at the PMI and did not back out. So there is one showing. And you know the reasons why at WSI. Next time, if you even go to WSI and don't back out again on another tradeshow. (See how I turned that around☺).

Till the next ball - Cinder

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 4:06 PM  
**To:** Livingston, Beth <Livingston.Beth@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

Cinder,

That sounds enthusiastic.

Listen, rarely are the tech nerds allowed to roam amongst the beautiful marketing and sales folks.

I love that picture. I made the same face and sound when you turned me down in Las Vegas in October when I asked you out to dinner. And it was a great restaurant.

One of the restaurants I'll take my guests has a hot tub, so I would count that as "engaging".

That picture of Lucy is perfect. Once more, the face of an angel with the heart of a demon, is trying to lure poor Charlie into believing she'll keep her word.

Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on.....

PC

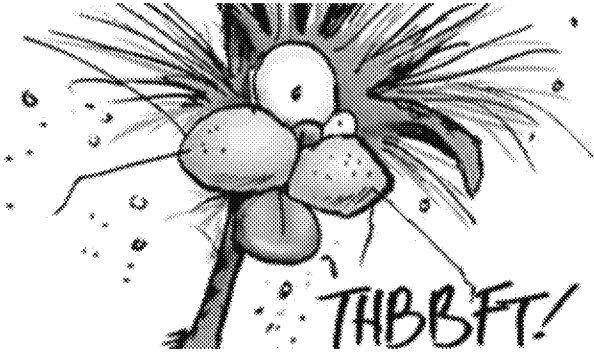
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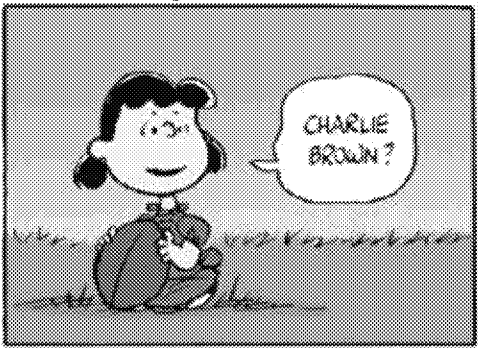
P-Charming

Thanks for the information, we shall see if we can get a survey off the ground here.

And in my most business like answer to your KBIS absence:



You know the guests will not nearly be as engaging. This show I go it alone so I'll be



At least you won't have sore feet.

C-R before her P-C

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**From:** Michael Martinez <[Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com](mailto:Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com)>

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**To:** Livingston, Beth <[Livingston.Beth@epa.gov](mailto:Livingston.Beth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

Ms. Rella,

Of course it takes \$\$ to do a real survey. Name recognition should not be the intent of the survey, rather, "do the products work as you expect" should be the main intent.

Not asking VB anything is OK with me.

Probably not. Our Masco Legal group would have to give their blessing. Until there's a formal request from EPA or PMI, Delta would not voluntarily share this info ( which, I am not sure if we actually have this info)

I didn't stutter on my e-mail below. I have "guests" coming in from Masco Canada and Brasstech, January 21~24. I will have fabulous dinners and great wine in the evening. All without getting on a plane, smiling at strangers, and my feet hurting in the evening.

You had a chance to be Lucy but you took Mr. Brown for granted. Now, Lucy will have to find a stand-in who won't be nearly as "charming". Good luck.

PC

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**From:** Livingston, Beth <[Livingston.Beth@epa.gov](mailto:Livingston.Beth@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 1:55 PM

**To:** Michael Martinez <[Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com](mailto:Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com)>

**Subject:** RE: PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

P-Charming

Our issue is \$\$ it costs a lot to do a survey. I've been asking to do one since I've been here and for other reasons have always been told "no". As I agree, it would have been nice to already have and (b) it would be nice to know if 10% or 90% have ever heard of us. Don't get me started on the survey thing! Ask VB☺!

Would Delta share with ERG through the CBI platform so we don't see it? Just like they look at sales etc. for our savings numbers.

Wait, what – you are not coming to Vegas? I will be there – so ball not pulled away– just trying to figure out flights. If Charlie is not going then what will Lucy do?

Cinder

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**From:** Michael Martinez <[Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com](mailto:Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 1:45 PM

**To:** Livingston, Beth <[Livingston.Beth@epa.gov](mailto:Livingston.Beth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

I prefer to be referred to as "P-Charming",

I think it's a good idea that WS do a consumer satisfaction survey. It's like a self-audit: How you think you're doing (our products are great!) versus what your customers think (these products SUCK!). We may have to increase water flow rates by 40% in all categories to keep our customers happy. You'll need to change the name of the program to "Water Now Makes Sense".

Any customer satisfaction or product performance surveys would be confidential to Delta. I think WS doing an independent survey would be the way to go.

Only you would complain about going to Las Vegas. I am not going to Las Vegas/KBIS. Your dinner invitation is just another attempt by you to "pull the ball away" when I come running.

Uh-huh. Blame it on number 45.

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**From:** Livingston, Beth <[Livingston.Beth@epa.gov](mailto:Livingston.Beth@epa.gov)>

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**To:** Michael Martinez <[Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com](mailto:Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com)>

**Subject:** RE: PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

Michael -

Nothing like a challenge!

We don't like faucets that only put one drop of water on my hands – LOL -the only ones I think of that *might* actually just drip are for Barbie doll play houses!

Anyways, think Delta might be able to help WaterSense out?

WaterSense has been contemplating doing a consumer satisfaction and product performance (along with brand awareness) survey for some time now but never actually did due to the ease (not) of doing these types of surveys. By chance, has Delta done any consumer satisfaction and/or product performance surveys for any or all of your WaterSense products? If yes, would you be willing to share? BTW, if the data would happen to contain CBI we can follow the current WaterSense CBI procedures or maybe we could send yours and others (if they exist) to PMI to aggregate the results for WaterSense. Let me know.

I will definitely be at KBIS now- though I am having trouble finding decent flights- I might have to leave Tuesday from DC and from Vegas on Thursday.

Happy Thursday- Beth

PS Still working on the awards form – pushed back a bit due to the 45.

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**From:** Michael Martinez <[Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com](mailto:Michael.Martinez@deltafaucet.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 4:15 PM

**To:** Livingston, Beth <[Livingston.Beth@epa.gov](mailto:Livingston.Beth@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

Sounds like you're gonna have your work cut out for you convincing No. 45 on your program.

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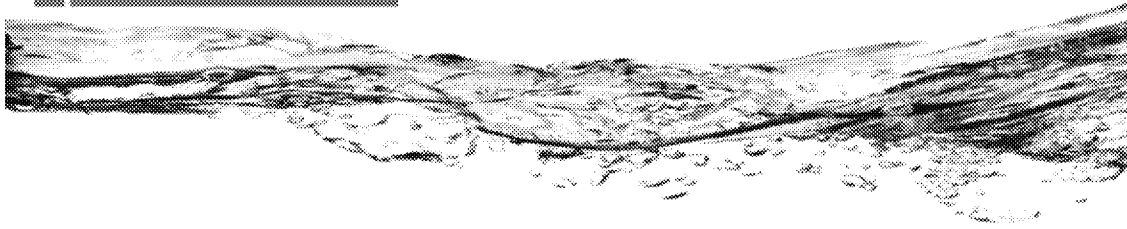
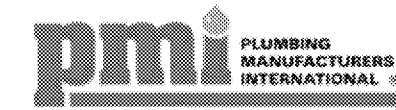
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**Subject:** PMI Washington Update: President Trump Comments on Review of Water-Efficiency Standards for Plumbing Products

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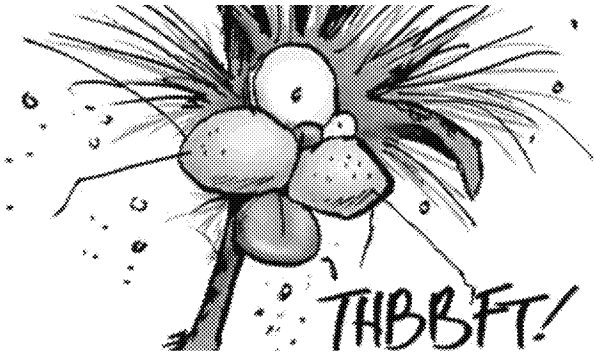
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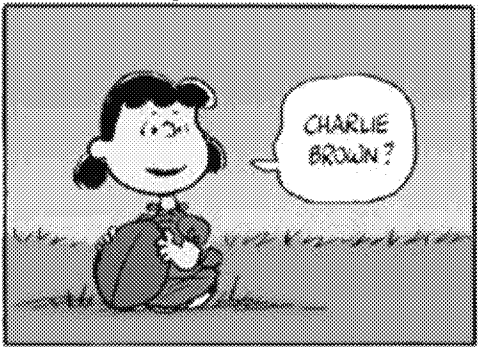
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At least you won't have sore feet.

C-R before her P-C

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Not asking VB anything is OK with me.

Probably not. Our Masco Legal group would have to give their blessing. Until there's a formal request from EPA or PMI, Delta would not voluntarily share this info ( which, I am not sure if we actually have this info)

I didn't stutter on my e-mail below. I have "guests" coming in from Masco Canada and Brasstech, January 21~24. I will have fabulous dinners and great wine in the evening. All without getting on a plane, smiling at strangers, and my feet hurting in the evening.

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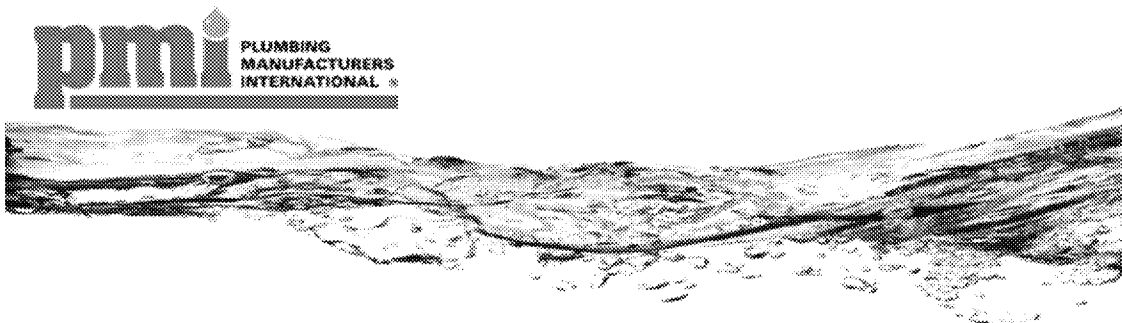
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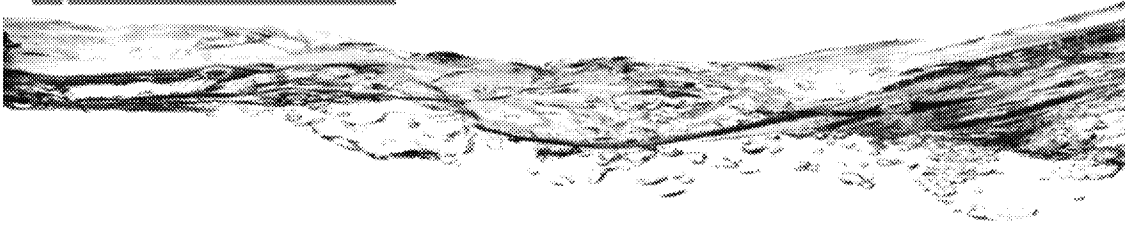
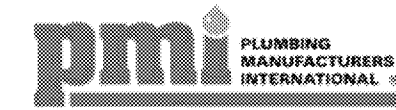
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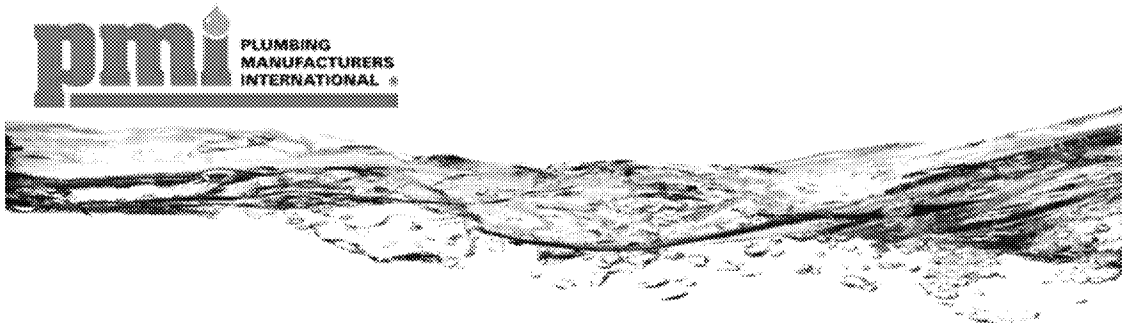
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Michael -

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We don't like faucets that only put one drop of water on my hands – LOL -the only ones I think of that *might* actually just drip are for Barbie doll play houses!

Anyways, think Delta might be able to help WaterSense out?

WaterSense has been contemplating doing a consumer satisfaction and product performance (along with brand awareness) survey for some time now but never actually did due to the ease (not) of doing these types of surveys. By chance, has Delta done any consumer satisfaction and/or product performance surveys for any or all of your WaterSense products? If yes, would you be willing to share? BTW, if the data would happen to contain CBI we can follow the current WaterSense CBI procedures or maybe we could send yours and others (if they exist) to PMI to aggregate the results for WaterSense. Let me know.

I will definitely be at KBIS now- though I am having trouble finding decent flights- I might have to leave Tuesday from DC and from Vegas on Thursday.

Happy Thursday- Beth

PS Still working on the awards form – pushed back a bit due to the 45.

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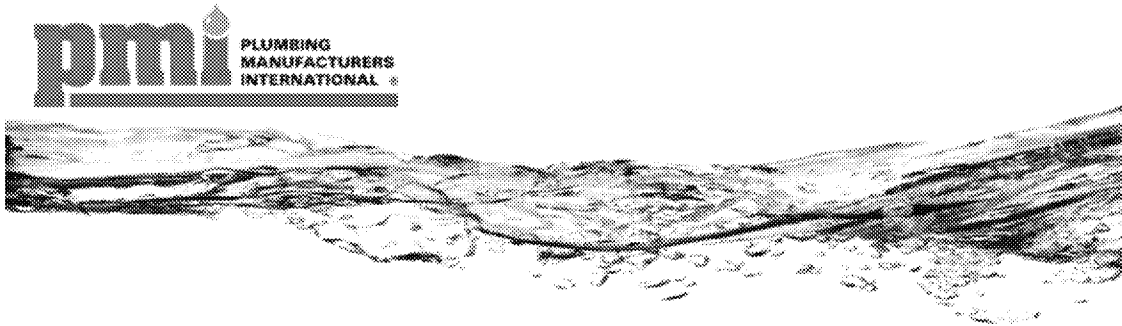
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Hope the white team went well yesterday!

### **Despite Trump Complaints, EPA Water Efficiency Standards Win Support**

December 9, 2019

Despite President Donald Trump's recent complaints about EPA water efficiency standards for bathroom fixtures, plumbing manufacturers, local water districts and environmentalists earlier this year strongly backed the agency's voluntary WaterSense program and urged a steady course or, in some cases, more stringent standards.

In their comments, several local water districts and environmentalists urged EPA to strengthen some of the standards to ensure the WaterSense label continues to show a meaningful mark of significant water efficiency.

WaterSense performance criteria should be strengthened, the Contra Costa, CA, Water District said in May 20 comments, saying "there are plenty of quality products that achieve much higher performance than others. WaterSense should set the high performance and high efficiency products apart from the rest."

While some plumbing product manufacturers raised concerns about low-flow technologies resulting in disease outbreaks, they generally urged EPA to maintain current standards.

During a small business roundtable Dec. 6, Trump said low-flow fixtures are resulting in "people are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times as opposed to once" and that sinks and showers have water only coming out in a trickle, requiring people to use even more water than they did previously.

He said he had instructed EPA to look into changing the standards. "So we're looking at, very seriously, at opening up the standard. And there may be some areas where we'll go the other route -- desert areas. But for the most part, you have many states where they have so much water that it comes down -- it's called rain -- (laughter) -- that they don't know -- they don't know what to do with it," he said.

It is unclear what action Trump has ordered EPA to take. But Congress in 2018, as part of a first-time authorization of the voluntary WaterSense program that was included in the America's Water Infrastructure Act, directed EPA to conduct by the end of this year a comprehensive review of product specifications adopted before 2012. These include tank-type toilets, flushing urinals, lavatory faucets, showerheads and weather-based irrigation controllers.

The agency earlier this year met with stakeholders to seek feedback on whether the standards should be revised and the factors EPA should consider in making that decision beyond those outlined in program guidance. EPA has never made a major revision to a product specification, issuing only slight modifications or clarifications, although in 2014 it revised the WaterSense Professional Certification Program Labeling System for irrigation professionals.

EPA has said it intends to evaluate a variety of factors as it considers the specifications for review and revision. These factors may include additional water savings potential, continued applicability or availability of efficiency and performance test methods and criteria, availability of more efficient products in the marketplace, potential for specification scope expansion, and/or unintended impacts of further flow reductions on the systems in which the products may be installed.

The voluntary WaterSense program allows products that meet the WaterSense specifications and are verified by independent, third-party certification to use the WaterSense label. These products are 20 percent more water-efficient than average products in that category and perform as well or better than their less-efficient counterparts, EPA says.

EPA says that through the end of 2018, WaterSense has helped Americans save a cumulative 3.4 trillion gallons of water and more than \$84.2 billion in water and energy bills. Additionally, the use of WaterSense labeled products saved 462.5 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, EPA says.

#### State Laws

In a series of comments to EPA earlier this year, various stakeholders express their support for the current WaterSense standards.

Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) in March 14 comments says it "supports the current EPA WaterSense® Specifications for Tank-Type Toilets, High-Efficiency Lavatory Faucets, Flushing Urinals and Showerheads and recommends that no changes be made at this time."

Among the reasons PMI gives for keeping the current specifications are concerns that low-flow plumbing fixtures have resulted in waterborne disease outbreaks and other water quality problems in building plumbing fixtures. PMI asks the agency to wait until the results of EPA-funded studies exploring these issues are completed before revising the specifications.

Additionally, PMI notes that several states and municipalities, including Colorado, Georgia, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Vermont have adopted EPA WaterSense requirements. "The further lowering of water consumption levels for tank-type toilets, lavatory faucets, urinals and showerheads would significantly impact current laws," PMI says.

In June 3 comments, PMI explains that it is "very much opposed" to increasing waste extraction requirements for tank-type toilets, saying that it would not necessarily make the extraction of solid waste more efficient or effective and could encourage manufacturers to focus unduly on that aspect rather than, for example, bowl cleanliness.

PMI says a 1999 study by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California found that bowl cleanliness, rather than actual waste removal, was the number one cause of double flushing.

Denver Water in March 18 comments notes that many markets have shifted to a 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf) baseline for tank-type toilets and that California has moved to 1.8 gallons per minute (gpm) as a standard for showerheads, suggesting WaterSense should consider similar changes.

But the water utility also echoes some of PMI's concerns about the effects of less water usage on public health. "Lower water use could cause aging of water in service lines and potential drainline carry issues in older plumbing -- could be part of new home criteria. The occurrence of pathogens in premise plumbing (e.g., Legionella) has become a high visibility topic and lower water use combined with the potential of using alternative water sources may exacerbate this concern," the utility says.

## Waste Removal

But other commenters urge EPA to consider waste removal changes as well as reducing the amount of water used. The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District in March 15 comments says EPA should consider revising the specification for tank-type toilets to require both better performance in terms of waste clearance and a flush volume of 1.1 gpf "provided WaterSense satisfactorily analyzes and address any potential adverse impacts on solids transport, water age in the distribution systems, and corrosion in sewer collection systems."

The current specification, originally released in 2007 and slightly revised in 2014, is a flush volume no greater than 1.28 gpf. Since 2012, the Georgia State Minimum Standard Plumbing Code has required that all new toilets must use 1.28 gpf or less and be WaterSense labeled.

"Based on the customer calls that come into the District's toilet rebate call center, we generally hear positive feedback and extremely few complaints from customers. To reduce even these few complaints, we support revising the performance criteria to require tank-type toilets to clear a larger quantity of waste and/or toilet paper," the district says.

The district also recommends more stringent specifications for lavatory faucets, showerheads and flushing urinals. EPA should require a flow rate of 1.0 gpm for lavatory faucets, compared to the current standard of 1.5 gpm, and set a new specification for kitchen faucets of 1.5 gpm; lower the showerhead specification from 2.0 gpm to 1.8 gpm; and require a rate of 0.125 gpf or less for wall-mounted urinals compared the current specification of 0.5 gpf.

The district says many showerheads on the market today use 2.0 gpm or less and a significant portion have a maximum flow rate of 1.8 gpm or less. "Products using 2.0 gpm as required by the current WaterSense specification could be considered mid-range in terms of their efficiency. To continue pushing innovation and efficiency forward, WaterSense should consider revising this standard to 1.8 gpm or less. There are products already available in the marketplace at a wide variety of price points using 1.8 gpm or less."

Edward Osann, director of national water use efficiency at the Natural Resources Defense Council, also calls for more stringent standards, noting the numerous states and localities that require the use of WaterSense products.

"Taken together, jurisdictions comprising over 35% of the US population now apply these requirements to all products installed in new construction or simply all products sold or installed in their state," Osann says in June 30 comments.

"Manufacturers have responded, and the market share of new sales held by WaterSense labeled products in some of these categories is thought to approach 90%. (This is information that is currently known to EPA, provided by WaterSense industry partners, but not publicly released.)," he continues.

"In light of these trends, maintaining current specification levels carries significant risk that the WaterSense label will lose its ability to differentiate product performance in the marketplace, and simply devolve to a colorful logo without substantive meaning for consumers," he adds.

Osann, in a Dec. 6 statement, questioned what triggered Trump's "outburst," noting that federal toilet efficiency ruling have not changed since 1994. "The water-efficient toilets of today work great and are a necessary part of the water-efficient future we need if everyone is to have access to clean, safe, and affordable water."

But PMI in a study sent to EPA July 7 says its study of 2019 market penetration indicates that WaterSense-certified products are only 1.8 percent of flushing urinals, 16.8 percent of tank-type residential toilets, 40.1 percent of bathroom sink faucets and 45.4 percent of showerheads. -- Lara Beaven ([lbeaven@iwpnews.com](mailto:lbeaven@iwpnews.com))

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"People are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times, as opposed to once," he said at the White House at an event on his deregulatory agenda. "They end up using more water."

His comments, which went viral on Twitter, veered from bashing energy efficiency rules of toilets, lightbulbs, showerheads and cars.

The government for decades has required that a variety of household products follow energy-saving standards, an issue that had long enjoyed bipartisan support.

Trump has in recent months expressed disdain for lightbulbs at a time when his administration repealed Obama-era rules. The toilet-flushing complaints seemed to be new.

"We're looking very strongly at sinks and showers and other elements of bathrooms. Where you turn the faucet on, in areas where there's tremendous amounts of water, where water rushes out to sea because you could never handle it, you don't get any water — you turn on that faucet, you don't get any water," he said.

"They take a shower, the water is dripping out, very quietly dripping out," the president said.

Trump insisted that at his suggestion EPA was looking "very strongly" at "opening up the standard."

By the White House's numbers, Trump has cut regulatory costs by more than \$50 billion from nearly 400 actions at two dozen agencies. That translates to 7 ½ rollbacks for every new regulation.

The Trump philosophy has been to cut two regulations for every new one implemented. The administration has axed guidance documents — which are weaker than regulations — at high rates, and officials said they have greatly exceeded their two-out-one-in goals.

The president today also vowed to "remove costly burdens to make cars safer and more affordable."

He continued that the administration is at odds with California, saying the state, in order "to save a tiny amount of fuel, of which we have plenty," has enacted tougher emissions standards on cars.

"We can make cars much less expensive, much better and much stronger and about the same from an environmental standpoint, very close," he said.

"Our cars are much safer, they're much cheaper, they're much better, the reason they are safer is because they can be heavy. Because right now the cars are made out of papier-mache. We allow steel content."

Trump said the car companies that are siding with the California standards are the ones "that want to be politically correct."

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**Kyle Griffin**  
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